# persecute

#### 1. преследовать, подвергать гонениям

the church persecutes opinion - церковь преследует свободу мысли

to persecute progressive leaders - преследовать руководителей прогрессивных организаций

### 2. докучать, надоедать

to persecute with requests - надоедать просьбами he persecuted us with questions - он докучал нам вопросами

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

## per-se-cute [persecute persecutes persecuted persecuting] BrE ['p3 s kju] t NAmE ['p3 rs kju] t verb often passive

### 1. ~ sb (for sth) to treat sb in a cruel and unfair way, especially because of their race, religion or political beliefs

- Throughout history, people have been persecuted for their religious beliefs.
- persecuted minorities

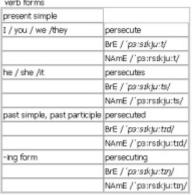
### 2. ~ sb to deliberately annoy sb all the time and make their life unpleasant

#### Syn: <sup>†</sup>harass

• Why are the media persecuting him like this?

### Derived Word <sup>†</sup>persecution

Verb forms: verb forms



#### Word Origin:

late Middle English: from Old French persecuter, from Latin persecut- 'followed with hostility', from the verb persequi, from per-'through, utterly' + sequi 'follow, pursue'.

### Collocations:

**Race and immigration** Prejudice and racism experience /encounter racism/discrimination/prejudice/anti-semitism face/suffer persecution/discrimination fear/escape from/flee racial/political/religious persecution constitute/be a form of racial/race discrimination reflect/reveal /show/have a racial/cultural bias be biased/be prejudiced against (especially BrE) black people/(both especially NAmE) people of color/African Americans/Asians/Africans/Indians, etc. discriminate against minority groups/minorities perpetuate /conform to/fit/defy a common/popular/traditional/negative stereotype overcome/be blinded by deep-seated/racial/(especially NAmE) race prejudice entrench/perpetuate racist attitudes hurl/shout (especially BrE) racist abuse; (especially NAmE) a racist/racial/ethnic slur challenge /confront racism/discrimination/prejudice combat/fight (against)/tackle blatant/overt/covert/subtle/institutional/systemic racism Race and society damage /improve (especially BrE) race relations practise/ (especially US) practice (racial/religious) tolerance/segregation bridge/break down/transcend cultural/racial barriers encourage/promote social integration outlaw/end discrimination/slavery/segregation promote/embrace/celebrate cultural diversity conform to/challenge /violate (accepted/established/prevailing/dominant) social/cultural norms live in a multicultural society attack/criticize multiculturalism fight for/struggle for/promote racial equality perpetuate /reinforce economic and social inequality introduce/be for/be against (BrE) positive discrimination/(especially NAmE) affirmative action support/be active in/play a leading role in the civil rights movement Immigration

control/restrict/limit/encourage immigration attract/draw a wave of immigrants assist/welcome refugees house/shelter refugees and asylum seekers smuggle illegal immigrants into the UK deport/repatriate illegal immigrants/failed asylum seekers assimilate/integrate new immigrants employ/hire migrant workers exploit/rely on (cheap/illegal) immigrant labour/(*especially US*) labor apply for/gain/obtain/be granted/be denied (full) citizenship have/hold dual citizenship

### Example Bank:

• We have to stand up for persecuted minorities.

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Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

per se cute /'p3 s kju\$t'p3 / BrE AmE verb [transitive]

- [Date: 1400-1500; Language: French; Origin: persécuter, from Latin persecutus, past participle of persequi *'to pursue, follow*] 1. to treat someone cruelly or unfairly over a period of time, especially because of their religious or political beliefs:
  - The Puritans left England to escape being persecuted.
- 2. to deliberately cause difficulties for someone by annoying them often SYN harass: Like many celebrities, she complained of being persecuted by the press.
- -persecutor noun [countable]
- -persecution /,p3 s kjen \$ ,p3 / noun [uncountable and countable]:
  - the persecution of writers who criticize the government

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